

HSCA Advisory Committee
DNREC's New Castle Field Office
391 Lukens Drive, New Castle, DE
Sept. 6, 2018
Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jess Anderson, Michael Baker
Kathy Fox, EA
Clay Greer, Ten Bears
Nora Lober, Penonni
Nick Santella, BSTI
Doug Seavey, Landmark
Kathy Stiller, BrightFields Inc.
Harley Yerkes, Environmental Alliance

Legislative Hall

Art Jenkins, Office of CG

State Division of Research

Julie Fedele, Sunset Committee

Dept. of Justice

Keith Brady

DNREC

Eileen Butler
Kate Durant
Todd Keyser
Melissa Leckie
Caleb Melvin
Tim Ratsep
Alex Rittberg
Qazi Salahuddin
Lori Spagnolo
Kristen Thornton
Jill Williams-Hall
Christina Wirtz

Introductions and Opening Remarks – Tim Ratsep welcomed members and attendees.

Approval of June 7, 2018 Draft Meeting Minutes – The minutes were unanimously approved.

Department, SIRS and TMS Updates – Tim Ratsep announced that Terry Deputy was selected to serve as the Director of the Division of Watershed Stewardship. (Prior to this, Terry served as DNREC's Chief of Administration for Environmental Finance.) Also announced that the bond bill directed \$3 million as a set-aside for the Brownfields Redevelopment Program. Of this amount, \$2 million has been allocated to the redevelopment of the Hessler property as part of the new sports complex at the Riverfront, and \$1 million is for other brownfield sites. The new legislation helps stabilize revenue for the HSCA Fund by maintain \$15 million in funding per year. A minimum of \$5 million will be set aside annually for the Brownfields exclusively. The 15% cap on administrative costs and progress on the Brownfields Marketplace will be discussed at the next Sunset Committee.

Updates for TMS – Alex provided the following updates:

- TMS is continuing to work with EPA in drafting changes to the UST Regulations to make sure they are consistent with the federal regulations. In addition, they will be more stringent for tanks at marinas, and all USTs will have to have containment systems. In addition, TMS is continuing to review and update the Delaware Risk Based Corrective Action document's exposure assumptions and toxicity values, which will result in changes to the program's screening and cleanup levels.
- UST Owner/Operator Training is offered free every month.
- The contract for the UST Closure Assistance Program for Heating Fuel will close this fall. New funding will allow for a new RFP to be prepared. Over 700 projects were completed with 670 NFA letters issued.

- Also moving forward with Electronic Content Management (ECM) and will use the document scanning program “Onbase” for TMS.

Updates for SIRS –Tim provided the following updates:

- The Lukens building is on a month to month lease – no word from OMB.
- Jill Williams-Hall is managing the Brownfields Development Program, as well as the Voluntary Cleanup Program.
- The newly improved Site Status Database (SSD) is in place, which includes timeframes for tasks as outlined in Value Stream Mapping.
- Mariya Chiger has joined SIRS to fill Karissa Hendershot’s environmental scientist position. Pam Livingston will be retiring at the end of December. Kate Durant has accepted a new position in Maryland.

HAC Subcommittee Report-outs:

- **Technical Subcommittee** – Qazi Salahuddin discussed the subcommittee’s Aug. 22 meeting and proposed changes in the SOP for soil gas sampling actions regarding shortening the time period required for soil gas sampling, as well as changing the format and other requirements for the Conceptual Site Model (CSM) and Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP). The subcommittee is still working on the Mass Loading Guidance, as well as developing background levels for metals in groundwater. Will work with an expert on biometric statistics from Fish and Wildlife.
- **Finance Subcommittee** – Tim expressed his appreciation to Melissa Leckie and all members who helped the HSCA work. Melissa indicated the fund has approximately \$315,000 remaining, with \$639,000 remaining in the funds earmarked for brownfields by the bond bill. Jill discussed the proposed changes to the Brownfields Certification and Grant Application.
- **Regulatory Subcommittee** – Tim and Jill discussed the proposed HSCA amendments including the new definition for certified brownfields and the dates for the public workshops for the proposed HSCA regulations.
- **Outreach & Education Subcommittee** – Christina discussed Liz LaSorte’s suggestion for “buyer beware” clause in the brownfields brochure and Keith’s draft language.
- **Ecological Revitalization & Green Restoration Group** – Kristen Thornton will help chair the ecological group with Marian Young. Reviewing brownfields reimbursement for green infrastructure and use of native plants; BMPs for storm water; and benefits for pollinators/habitat.
- **Moment of silence for John Austin.**
- **Business/Public Comments** – None

Next meeting will be on Dec. 6, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the DNREC Lukens Field Office, 391 Lukens Drive, New Castle, DE 19720. Phone: 302.395.2600.